



**Town of Fowler  
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**2013 TOWN OF FOWLER NEWSLETTER**

**Town of Fowler Directory - 2013**

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## **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

There are three members on this Board, Frank Langevin, Chair Grant Mitchell and George Erdman, Jr. This Board meets once a year on the fourth Tuesday of May in the Fowler Town Hall from 4 PM until 8 PM. This year the board will be meeting on May 28, 2013.

At this time Fowler residents who wish to grieve their tax assessments may appear before the Board and express their view. After hearing all grievances, the Board reviews and makes their decisions to either lower the griever's assessment or to let it stand. Residents who have appeared are notified of the outcome by mail.

## **TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR**

The Town Clerk and Tax Collector Office has been combined into one and is open from 9 AM to 12 PM and 1 PM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. The upstairs in the Town Hall is available for use by Fowler residents and arrangements to use the Hall may be made by calling Karen Simmons at 287-4753.

This office issues dog licenses, hunting licenses, disabled permits, has voter's registration forms, absentee ballots, building permit applications and Star

Program forms available for the public along with notarizing paperwork for everyone. On January 2, 2013, I will start collecting taxes. During the summer Sylvia Lake Beach is open seven days a week and hours are advertised. Groups interested in using the Hailesboro ball field during the summer may contact Councilman Rick Newvine. If the Clerk can be of any help, feel free to contact me at 315-287-0045 (phone/fax). Thank you, Sherrie Williams.

## **FOWLER BOARD OF APPEALS**

Five Fowler residents volunteer their time for this board - Chairperson Nellie Dimon, Michael Macaulay, Bob Buddenhagen and Tony Woodward. There is one open position on this board.

The function of this board is to receive and consider Building Permits which the Code Enforcement Officer has denied when some aspect of the construction does not comply with the Local Building Codes. After examination of the site and review of the submitted plans, the Board considers, discusses, and then either grants or denies the Building Permit.

The board meets only when necessary at 7 PM in the Fowler Town Hall. Meetings are advertised and all interested persons are invited to attend.



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### **JUSTICE DEPARTMENT**

The Town of Fowler Justice Court, The Hon. Paul M. Lamson, Town Justice, holds court every Wednesday at 6 PM. Court is held upstairs in the town hall building.

The court office is open Tuesday through Thursday, 3:00 PM for payment of fines, filing of papers, and to conduct other business as necessary. If you need to contact the court during off times, please call 315-287-9996 and leave a message.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

The Town of Fowler maintains 56.25 miles of roads. During the winter months 73.74 miles are maintained including 17.49 miles of County roads.

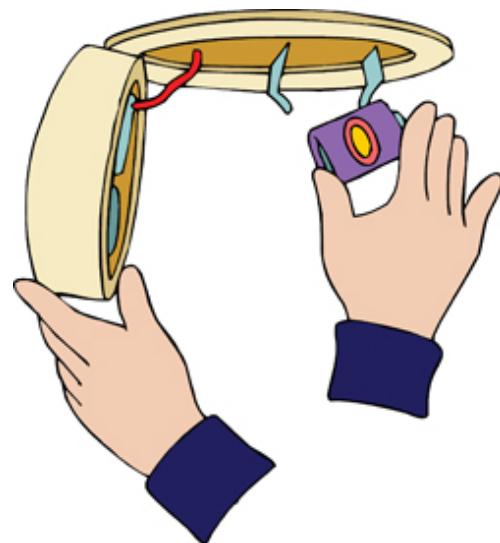
During 2012, we replaced several culvert pipes, took down several trees, cut and chipped brush along the roadside. The crews finished road construction on the Sylvia Lake Road from the California intersection, going toward State Route 812, stopping by Sylvia Lake Beach Road. Several rough spots around Fowler were paved on Country Club Rd., Island Branch Rd., River Drive, and Glasby Rd. We have also started construction on the Smith Rd. from Farm to Market Rd. (Rt. 22) to the Doane Rd; culverts and most ditching is completed.

In April 2012, there was a layoff of three employees which took the work force from nine to six. From all the men and myself, we appreciate your patience during the construction and winter maintenance of the roads.

Have a Great Year in 2013 - from your Highway Crew: Francis Cole -12 years service, Nelson Bice -11 years service, Lyle Bishop -19 years service, John Walsh -7 years service, Jeff Hill -9 years service, Larry Allen -8 years service.

### **SMOKE DETECTOR SAFETY**

Rick Witford, our Code Enforcement Officer, would like to remind everyone to check the batteries in their smoke detectors.





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### **DOG KENNEL UPDATE**

Neil Hooley has been named Dog Control Officer (DCO). He can be reached at 315-528-7988. We have been very fortunate to either find the owners or adopt out, all of the dogs we have had in our kennel this year.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the help of **Friends 4 Pound Paws** (842-PAWS) [www..](http://www.friends4poundpaws.com) They put pictures of our dogs on their website for everyone to see.

We had a very good turnout at our Rabies Clinic that we held in May. Please get your dog a rabies shot and make sure he has a license. A collar on your dog with the owner's name and phone number would be very helpful in finding a lost dog's owner. Just a reminder, there is Leash Law in the Town of Fowler.

### **ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

If you have bought or built a new home in the Town of Fowler in the past few years and do not have a Star Exemption on the home, you may be eligible for the Star Exemption. To determine if you are eligible, procure a Star Application Form from one of your Assessors or the Town Clerk's Office.

If you need help filling out the form, call an Assessor for help. The Star Exemption is the fairest of the exemptions.

If you need help or have questions, call or see Robert Fuller 287-0118, Robert Andrews 287-4189, Tim Geer 286-4050.

### **HISTORIAN'S OFFICE**

Donations this year consisted of two books with names of Fowler people, donated by Gene Bigarel. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hutton donated an old deed for the old Glazier home. Darlene and Ken Cole donated a file on the Cole family, pictures of a store run by the Fowler, Wilder and Walrath family. Wanda and Dustin Fayette donated old pictures from Lewis Gaudin's family and friends.

Along with the Civil War plaques, we have a plaque of World War I up on the wall in the Town Hall. Soon World War II plaques of Fowler residents who served in that war will be done.

The Historian's office is open on Thursdays from 1 - 4 PM or anytime by appointment by calling Connie Bishop at 315/287-2728. Thank you.

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## **FOWLER TOWN BOARD**

Town Board meetings for 2013 will be held on the first Tuesday of the month, except for January and November. Meetings are held at 7 pm. Special meetings will be advertised in the Gouverneur Tribune Press, the Watertown Daily Times, and on the Town's website. [www.fowlerny.com](http://www.fowlerny.com)

Fowler has hired a new Dog Control Officer Neil Hooley and Deputy Tammy Hooley. The town has made upgrades to the dog kennel.

A new septic system was installed for the Town Hall as well as new hand rails on the front porch. The town's new website can be found at [www.fowlerny.com](http://www.fowlerny.com).

The town board would like to invite all residents and visitors to attend our monthly meetings and visit our website to view and download newsletters and minutes from meetings.

### **2013 Town Board Meeting Schedule**

January 8	May 7	September 3
February 5	June 4	October 1
March 5	July 2	November 12
April 2	August 6	December 3

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE**

Fowler has had another busy and growing year with 97 Building Permits. Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and patience.

Building permits are required for any structure 120 sq. ft. and over and any structural changes on your home or buildings and for all roofing. If anyone has any questions, call Rick Whitford at 286-2360 or call the Town Clerk's Office at 287-0045.

Fowler is also trying to address the Maintenance and Junk Laws for the safety and health of our residents. We would like to ask your help in maintaining your property free of trash and junk cars.

Another tidbit of information is that the Property Maintenance Code of NYS/Sec. 303 (F) requires premises identification and that buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. The numbers should be 4 inches high.

We are hoping for another uneventful and smooth running year for Fowler. Thank you, Rick Whitford.



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### FOWLER PLANNING BOARD

This Planning Board is made up of six Fowler residents. The Members are Chairman Rick Whitford, Sandy Baker, James Besaw, Ed Siebels, Andrew Miller and Stephen Gale.

The purpose of the Planning Board is to recommend appropriate land use that will be to the betterment of the Town and submit their recommendations to the Town Board. They also review Building Permits and do special projects that the Town Board assigns them.

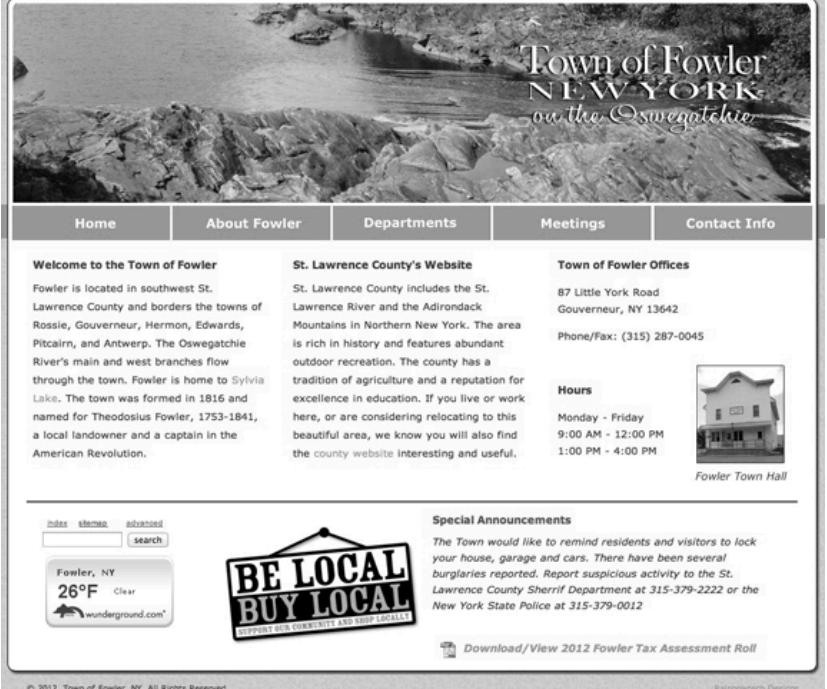
The Planning Board meets the last Tuesday of the month as needed, as well as other times when necessary at 7:00 PM in the Fowler Town Hall. Meetings are advertised in the local paper. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

### NEW FOWLER TOWN WEBSITE .....[www.fowlerny.com](http://www.fowlerny.com)

The Fowler Town Board is proud to announce its new website. The purpose of the site is to help residents find information about Fowler and Town government online.

The site is searchable, it includes a site search tool that allows the user to search the entire site, including minutes from Board meetings and other documents. You can even check the local weather and read Special Announcements from the Town.

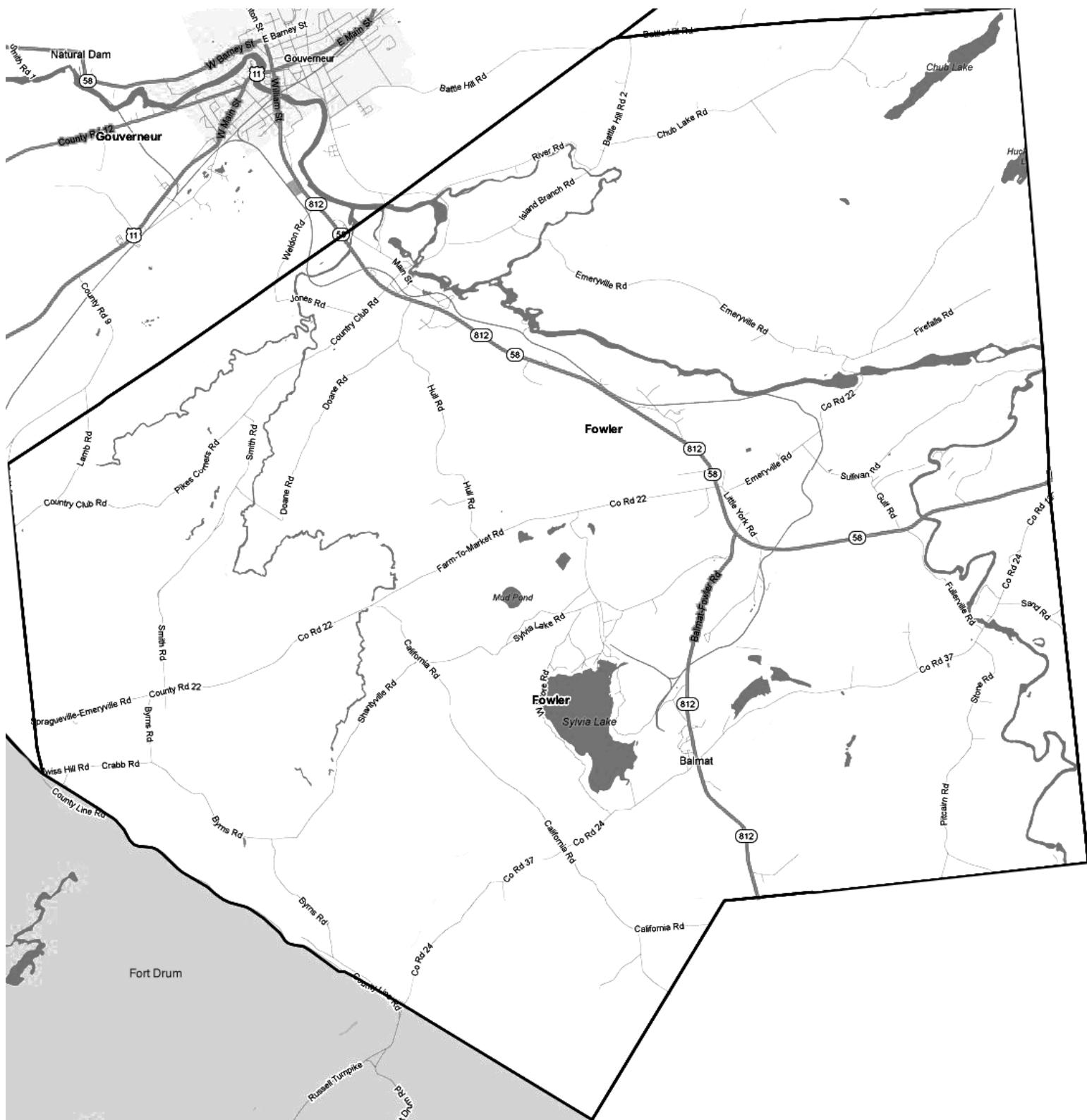
The site was created and developed by Shari Barnhart, Rainbowtech Designs, (a Fowler business) in collaboration with the Fowler Town Board. Contact us via the Contact form on the site with feedback and suggestions.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Town of Fowler website. At the top, there is a banner image of a river flowing through a rocky landscape. To the right of the banner, the text "Town of Fowler NEW YORK on the Oswegatchie" is displayed. Below the banner is a navigation menu with five items: "Home", "About Fowler", "Departments", "Meetings", and "Contact Info". The "About Fowler" section contains text about the town's location in southwest St. Lawrence County, its history, and its natural resources. The "Departments" section links to various town departments. The "Meetings" section provides information about the Planning Board. The "Contact Info" section includes the town's address and phone number. At the bottom of the page, there is a weather widget showing "Fowler, NY 26°F Clear" from "wunderground.com", a "BE LOCAL BUY LOCAL" logo with the tagline "SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AND SHOP LOCALLY", a "Special Announcements" section with a note about burglaries, and a link to "Download/View 2012 Fowler Tax Assessment Roll". The footer of the page includes the copyright notice "© 2012, Town of Fowler, NY, All Rights Reserved" and the "Rainbowtech Designs" logo.

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**TOWN OF FOWLER MAP**



Map from St. Lawrence County website: [www.co.st-lawrence.ny.us/Departments/RealProperty/](http://www.co.st-lawrence.ny.us/Departments/RealProperty/)